



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE

August 25, 2008

**H.R. 6627**  
**Smithsonian Institution Facilities Authorization Act of 2008**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Transportation  
and Infrastructure on July 31, 2008*

H.R. 6627 would authorize the appropriation of \$41 million for laboratory and support space at the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center in Edgewater, Maryland, and \$14 million for laboratory space at the Smithsonian tropical research institute in Gamboa, Panama. Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 6627 would cost \$55 million over the 2009-2013 period. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or receipts.

H.R. 6627 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

On August 25, 2008, CBO transmitted an identical cost estimate for H.R. 6627 as ordered reported by the Committee on House Administration on July 31, 2008.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Christina Hawley Anthony. This estimate was approved by Peter H. Fontaine, Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.